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- 2) Form 1449;
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- 4) Acknowledgment Postcard.

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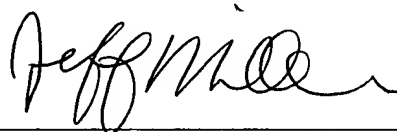
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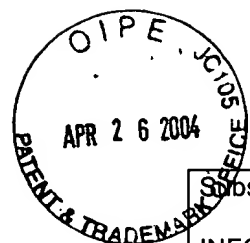
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